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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Applicant's representative would like to thank Examiner Chin for extending her the courtesy of a telephonic interview on August 23, 2006 to discuss this case. The following recordation of the substance of the interview is believed to be complete and proper, in accordance with MPEP 713.04. It is requested that the Examiner notify the undersigned if the Examiner believes this Statement contains any inaccuracies or if the Examiner believes this Statement is otherwise not complete and proper.

Interview participants: (1) Examiner Randall Chin and (2) Applicant's attorney, Kara Fairbairn.

The following was discussed: (1) U.S. Patent No. 4,624,025 to Kaulig.

Claims 1 and 7 were discussed during the interview.

No agreement was reached during the interview.

Applicant's representative suggested amending claims 1 and 7 by clarifying that the bristles are deflected and flick past the deflector on the surface to be cleaned. The Examiner suggested amending claim 7, lines 13 and 14 (both occurrences) by reciting that the bristles are sprung past the deflector as opposed to the bristles being sprung "forward" of the deflector.

The general thrust of the arguments made during the interview was that as the Kaulig bristles are moved pass its deflectors, any deflection or flicking motion would take place while inside of the housing, not while the bristles strike the surface to be cleaned.

No other pertinent matters were discussed during the interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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